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APPROVAL OF CLOSURE REPORT FOR FORMER TEMPORARY ACCUMULATION AREA (TAA) 289, FORMER MARINE CORPS AIR STATION (MCAS) EL TORO

Dear Mr. Piszkin:

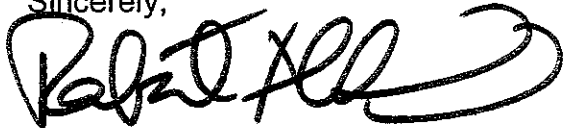
The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has reviewed the subject document dated March 28, 2003 and the April 3, 2003 responses to DTSC comments on the document. The closure report summarizes the results of 13 soil samples collected from six locations adjacent to and within TAA 289. The confirmation soil samples were collected on October 29, 1999 and the samples were analyzed for volatile organic compounds (VOCs), Semi-VOCs, total petroleum (TPH) as gasoline, TPH as diesel, pesticides and polychlorinated biphenyls, metals, pH, and cyanide. The TAA 289 was identified as Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) 70 in the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Facility Assessment (RFA) prepared for MCAS El Toro. The unit may have been used for the storage of hazardous waste drums containing waste oil, JP-5, hydraulic fluid, turbine cleaner, as well as product drums. TAA 289 is described as a 10-foot by 20-foot concrete storage pad with a concrete berm around the perimeter located east of Building 288 in the northern quadrant of the Station.

The Navy has adequately addressed our comments transmitted on March 3, 2003. Therefore, we agree with the conclusions and recommendations presented in the closure report and hereby approve it.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (714) 484-5449.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rafat Abbasi', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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